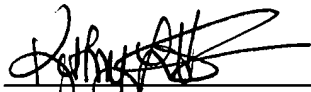


REMARKS

This amendment is submitted prior to the first examination and action of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. No substantive changes have been made in the application and such amendments do not introduce any new matter. In addition, the amendments filed herein fully comply with each and every requirement of 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(5)(i) and (ii). Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that such amendments be entered into the record.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Amendment, or the remarks contained herein, Applicants' agent would welcome the opportunity to discuss such matters with the Examiner.

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